

OPINION 1893

Bombycilla cedrorum Vieillot, [1808] and *Troglodytes aedon* Vieillot, [1809] (Aves, Passeriformes): specific names conserved

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:
 - (a) *americana* Wilson, 1808, as published in the binomen *Ampelis americana*;
 - (b) *domestica* Wilson, 1808, as published in the binomen *Sylvia domestica*.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Bombycilla* Vieillot, [1808] (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Bombycilla cedrorum* Vieillot, [1808];
 - (b) *Troglodytes* Vieillot, [1809] (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Baird (1858) *Troglodytes aedon* Vieillot, [1809].
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *cedrorum* Vieillot, [1808], as published in the binomen *Bombycilla cedrorum* (specific name of the type species of *Bombycilla* Vieillot, [1808]);
 - (b) *aedon* Vieillot, [1809], as published in the binomen *Troglodytes aedon* (specific name of the type species of *Troglodytes* Vieillot, [1809]).
- (4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *americana* Wilson, 1808, as published in the binomen *Ampelis americana* and as suppressed in (1)(a) above;
 - (b) *domestica* Wilson, 1808, as published in the binomen *Sylvia domestica* and as suppressed in (1)(b) above.

History of Case 2969

An application for the conservation of the specific names of *Bombycilla cedrorum* Vieillot, [1808] and *Troglodytes aedon* Vieillot, [1809] was received from Dr M. Ralph Browning and Dr Richard C. Banks (*National Biological Service, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.*) on 20 February 1995. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 53: 187–190 (September 1996). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 10 September 1997 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 53: 188–189. At the close of the voting period on 10 December 1997 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Cogger, Dupuis, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Savage, Schuster, Song, Štys (part)

Negative votes — 1: Kabata.

Ride was on leave of absence.

Štys voted for the conservation of *Bombycilla cedrorum* but against that of *Troglodytes aedon*.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

aedon, *Troglodytes*, Vieillot, [1809], *Histoire naturelle des oiseaux de l'Amérique septentrionale* ..., vol. 2, p. 52.

americana, *Ampelis*, Wilson, 1808, *American ornithology; or, the natural history of the birds of the United States*, vol. 1, p. 107.

Bombycilla Vieillot, [1808], *Histoire naturelle des oiseaux de l'Amérique septentrionale* ..., vol. 1, p. 88.

cedrorum, *Bombycilla*, Vieillot, [1808], *Histoire naturelle des oiseaux de l'Amérique septentrionale* ..., vol. 1, p. 88.

domestica, *Sylvia*, Wilson, 1808, *American ornithology; or, the natural history of the birds of the United States*, vol. 1, p. 129.

Troglodytes Vieillot, [1809], *Histoire naturelle des oiseaux de l'Amérique septentrionale* ..., vol. 2, p. 52.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Troglodytes aedon* Vieillot, [1809] as the type species of the nominal genus *Troglodytes* Vieillot, [1809]:

Baird, S.F. 1858. *Pacific Railroad Reports. Reports of Explorations and Surveys for a Railroad from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, 1853-6*, 9(2): 366.